
Academy of Missouri Squires

An organization unique among the states, the Academy of Missouri Squires was founded in the fall of 1960 by Governor James T. Blair Jr., who established it with a ceiling of 100 members. Governor Blair's purpose was to establish an organization to honor Missourians for their accomplishments at all levels—community, state or nation.

Governor Blair appointed the first class of 10 Squires, after consulting leaders in every section of the state. Each succeeding class has been elected by the membership of the Academy, after receiving nominations from the public as well as from the membership of the Academy. The governor and former governors of Missouri are automatically members.

Squires are listed by class. Present addresses are noted in parentheses when different from address at time of election.

Class of 1960

Thomas Hart Benton, Kansas City*
James T. Blair Jr., Jefferson City*
Clarence Cannon, Elsberry*
Tighman R. Cloud, Pleasant Hill*
Michael Kinney, St. Louis*
Stan Musial, St. Louis
Miss Adah Peckenpugh, Clinton
Roy Roberts, Kansas City*
Francis Smith, St. Joseph*
Ethan A.H. Shepley Jr., St. Louis*
Harry S Truman, Independence*

Class of 1961

William L. Bradshaw, Columbia*
Arthur V. Burrowes, St. Joseph*
August A. Busch Jr., St. Louis*
John M. Dalton, Jefferson City*
Russell L. Dearmont, St. Louis*
Elmer Ellis, Columbia*
Don Faurot, Columbia*
Gerald R. Massie, Jefferson City*
Albert L. Reeves, Kansas City*
Floyd C. Shoemaker, Columbia*
Stuart Symington, Clayton*

Class of 1962

Richard H. Amberg, St. Louis*
David R. Calhoun, St. Louis*
James G. Conzelman, St. Louis*

E.L. Dale, Carthage*
True Davis, Washington, D.C.
Joyce C. Hall, Kansas City*
Charles N. Kimball, Kansas City*
Samuel S. Mayerberg, Kansas City*
James S. McDonnell Jr., St. Louis*
Sterling Price Reynolds, Caruthersville*

Special class of 1962

Henry S. Caulfield, St. Louis*
Forrest C. Donnell, St. Louis*
Lloyd C. Stark, Louisiana*

Class of 1963

Edwin M. Clark, St. Louis*
Howard Cook, Jefferson City*
James A. Finch Jr., Jefferson City*
Robert M. Good, Point Lookout*
James M. Kemper, Kansas City*
Dillard A. Mallory, Buffalo
John I. Rollings, St. Louis*
Ruth SeEVERS, Osceola*
Leif J. Sverdrup, St. Louis*
Roy D. Williams, Boonville*

Class of 1964

Mrs. G. Baird Fisher, Osgood*
James P. Hickok, St. Louis*
Laurance M. Hyde, Jefferson City*
Edward V. Long, Bowling Green*
Morton D. May, St. Louis*
J. Wesley McAfee, St. Louis*
Frederick A. Middlebush, Columbia*
L. Mitchell White, Mexico*
Rex M. Whitton, Jefferson City*
Mrs. Virginia Garton Young, Columbia

Class of 1965

W. Howard Adams, Shenandoah Junction, WV
 (New York City)
Omar N. Bradley, Los Angeles, CA*
Frank P. Briggs, Macon*
Lester E. Cox, Springfield*
Warren E. Hearnes, Charleston
William B. Massey, Bonne Terre*
Franc L. McClure, St. Charles*
William A. McDonnell, St. Louis*
Mrs. Holton R. Price Jr., Ladue*
Charles Allen Thomas, St. Louis*
Homer C. Wadsworth, Cleveland, OH*

Class of 1966

Sam C. Blair, Jefferson City*
Thomas H. Eliot, St. Louis, (Cambridge, MA)
Fred V. Heinkel, Columbia*
William F. James, Clayton (Jefferson City)
Lue C. Lozier, Moberly*
Arthur Mag, Kansas City*
Paul C. Reinert, St. Louis*
Sidney Salomon Jr., St. Louis*

Clem F. Storckman, Jefferson City*
Jacqueline Wexler, Tenafly, NJ (New York City)*

Class of 1967

Henry D. Bradley, St. Joseph*
Ernest R. Breech, Detroit, MI*
Richard S. Brownlee, Columbia*
Stanley R. Fike, Independence*
Leonard Hall, Caledonia*
Edmund I. (Mike) Hockaday, Jefferson City*
Paul C. Jones, Kennett*
Theodore D. McNeal, St. Louis*
Arthur Clay Magill, Cape Girardeau*
Raymond R. Tucker, St. Louis*

Class of 1968

Proctor N. Carter, Rolla (Joplin)*
Edward Pope Coleman Jr., Sikeston*
Richard M. Duncan, Kansas City*
Oliver B. Ferguson, Fredericktown*
Henry C. Haskell, Kansas City*
James C. Kirkpatrick, Warrensburg*
Isaac A. Long, St. Louis*
Lewis E. Meador, Springfield*
Howard A. Rusk, New York City*
Sidney E. Souers, St. Louis*

Class of 1969

Maurice R. Chambers, St. Louis*
Earl E. Dawson, Jefferson City*
Thomas F. Eagleton, St. Louis
Harry F. Harrington, St. Louis*
Robert Hyland, St. Louis*
James H. Meredith, St. Louis*
H. Lang Rogers, Joplin
John W. Schwada, Tempe, AZ*
Charles W. Schwartz, Jefferson City*
Joseph C. Welman, Kennett*

Class of 1970

Charles L. Bacon, Kansas City*
H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City*
G. Duncan Bauman, St. Louis
Dan Devine, Phoenix, AZ
A.J. Drinkwater Jr., Charleston*
Richard H. Ichord, Houston*
Earle B. Jewell, Forsyth*
Jack Matthews, Columbia*
Lewis M. Means, Fayette*
Jack Stapleton Sr., Stanberry*
Elliot H. Stein, St. Louis

Class of 1971

John R. Cauley, Washington, D.C.*
D. Howard Doane, Point Lookout*
D.W. Gilmore, Kansas City*
C. Brice Ratchford, Columbia*
Jane Froman Smith, Columbia*
Leonor K. Sullivan-Archibald, St. Louis*
Robert M. White II, Mexico

Class of 1972

Howard F. Baer, St. Louis
William H. Danforth, St. Louis
Betty Cooper Hearnes, Charleston
Everett Keith, Columbia
M.C. Matthes, St. Louis*
Fred R. Weber Jr., St. Louis

Special class of 1973

Christopher S. Bond, Mexico (Washington, D.C.)

Class of 1974

John C. Danforth, St. Louis
Floyd R. Gibson, Kansas City
Roy W. Harper, St. Louis*
Clarence M. Kelley, Kansas City
Maurice E. VanAckeren, Kansas City*

Class of 1975

George H. Capps, St. Louis*
Ilus W. Davis, Kansas City*
Donald J. Hall, Kansas City
John A. Morgan, Kansas City
John R. Opel, Armonk, NY
Mrs. Kenneth A. Spencer, Kansas City*
Harold E. Thayer, St. Louis*

Class of 1976

No election held

Class of 1977

M. Graham Clark, Point Lookout
William R. Clarkson, Kansas City
Charles E. Curry, Kansas City (Washington, D.C.)
Elmo B. Hunter, Kansas City
Louis B. Susman, St. Louis

Special class of 1977

Joseph P. Teasdale, Kansas City

Class of 1978

W. Robert Aylward, Kansas City
James L. McHugh, St. Louis
James C. Olson, Kansas City
Albert M. Spradling Jr., Cape Girardeau
William L. Hungate, St. Louis

Class of 1979

No election held

Class of 1980

No election held

Class of 1981

Clarence C. Barksdale, St. Louis
August A. Busch III, St. Louis
Jay B. Dillingham, Kansas City
Charles F. Knight, St. Louis
Dr. Herbert Schooling, Columbia*

Dr. James I. Spainhower, St. Charles (Rogers, Ark.)
Avis Green Tucker, Warrensburg
William H. Webster, Bethesda, MD

Class of 1982

No election held

Class of 1983

Lucile H. Bluford, Kansas City
Flavius B. Freeman, Springfield*
James M. Kemper Jr., Kansas City
Sanford N. McDonnell, St. Louis
Marlin Perkins, St. Louis*
James W. Stephens, Lee's Summit*
Gene Taylor, Sarcoxie*
Robert Ellis Young, Carthage*

Special class of 1984

John Ashcroft, Springfield (Washington, D.C.)

Class of 1985

William N. Deramus III, Kansas City*
Douglas Ensminger, Columbia*
Rosemary L. Ginn, Columbia
Lawrence K. Roos, St. Louis
Thomas G. Watson, Kansas City
Murray L. Weidenbaum, St. Louis

Class of 1986

No election held

Class of 1987

Sam B. Cook, Jefferson City
John Q. Hammons, Springfield
Robert N. Hunter, Jefferson City
John E. Moore, Springfield
Morton I. Sosland, Kansas City

Class of 1988

No election held

Class of 1989

Henry Bloch, Kansas City
W.H. Bert Bates, Kansas City
Ike Skelton, Lexington (Washington, D.C.)
Ewing Kauffman, Kansas City*
Charles Price, Kansas City
Joseph Stevens, Kansas City*
Ann Covington, Columbia
Ted Wetterau, St. Louis
Ben Parnell, Springfield
Richard Gephardt, St. Louis (Washington, D.C.)

Class of 1990

Dr. J. Robert Ashcroft, Springfield*
Robert L. Hawkins Jr., Jefferson City
Lee Liberman, St. Louis
Veryl Riddle, St. Louis
George Russell, Kansas City
Michael Shanahan, St. Louis

Class of 1991

No election held

Class of 1992

No election held

Special class of 1993

Mel Carnahan, Rolla*
Richard J. Mahoney, St. Louis
William E. Maritz, St. Louis
Andrew B. Craig III, St. Louis
Anita B. Gorman, Kansas City
Thomas J. Guilfoil, St. Louis
Andrew Jackson Higgins, Jefferson City
R. Crosby Kemper Jr., Kansas City

Class of 1994

Jack Buck, St. Louis
Lynn M. Ewing Jr., Nevada
Webb Gilmore, Kansas City
Herman Johnson, Kansas City
Ollie Gates, Kansas City
Landon Rowland, Kansas City
Norm Stewart, Columbia
Harry Wiggins, Kansas City

Class of 1995

No election held

Class of 1996

William H. Dunn Sr., Kansas City
James L. Mathewson, Sedalia
Walter L. Metcalfe Jr., St. Louis
James B. Nutter, Kansas City
Betty Goshorn Weldon, Jefferson City

Class of 1997

William J. Cason, Clinton
Thomas R. Green, Frontenac
Emanuel Cleaver II, Kansas City
Edward L. Dowd Sr., St. Louis
John L. Morris, Springfield
Michael Pulitzer, St. Louis

Class of 1998

No election held

Class of 1999

Richard Berkley, Kansas City
Lawrence Biondi, St. Louis
William B. Bondeson, Columbia
John Jordan (Buck) O'Neil, Kansas City
Peter R. Raven, St. Louis
Frank P. Sebree, Kansas City

Special Class of 2000

Roger Wilson, Columbia
Bob Holden, Jefferson City

*Deceased

Foreign Consulates in Missouri

Consulates are the offices established by countries for their representatives (consuls) living in certain foreign cities and serving the country's citizens and business interests there. The Missouri Consular Corps is comprised of foreign service officers from nations maintaining friendly relations with the United States. These officials, recognized by the U.S. State Department, are headquartered in Kansas City and St. Louis. They perform trade and diplomatic services for their own citizens and for United States citizens.

Key: CE—Consul Emeritus; HC—Honorary Consul; C—Consul; HVC—Honorary Vice Consul; HCG—Honorary Consul General.

Austria

Kansas City, Dennis Owens, HCG, Harford Bldg., Town Pavilion, 1111 Main St., 7th Fl., Kansas City 64105, (816) 474-3000.

St. Louis, Dieter K. Ungerboeck, HC, 87 Hubble, St. Charles 63304, (636) 688-2000.

Belgium

St. Louis, Stephen F. Brauer, HC, 11250 Hunter Dr., Bridgeton 63044, (314) 731-3020.

Benin

Kansas City, Keith Wilson Jr., HC, 303 Hillcrest Bank Bldg., 201 W. Lexington, Independence 64050, (816) 252-1000.

Denmark

St. Louis, Niels C. Andersen, HC, 16486 Hollister Crossing Dr., Wildwood 63011, (314) 603-2470.

El Salvador

St. Louis, Michael Bobroff, HC, 7730 Forsyth, Ste. 200, St. Louis 63105, (314) 862-0300.

France

St. Louis, James F. Mauze, HC, 112 S. Hanley Rd., St. Louis 63105, (314) 726-2800.

Germany

St. Louis, Anna Mayer Beck, HC, 49 Orange Hills Dr., Chesterfield 63017, (314) 576-4786.

Great Britain

St. Louis, Val W. Lammert, M.B.E., HC, Manors of Broadmoor, 2323 Manor Grove Dr., Apt. 8, Chesterfield 65817, (636) 227-1334.

Honduras

St. Louis, Maria Guadalupe Taxman, HCG, 6241 Alexander Dr., St. Louis 63105, (314) 727-1149.

Iceland

Kansas City, Vigdis A. Taylor, HC, 7100 E. 131st St., Grandview 64030, (816) 763-2046.

Ireland

St. Louis, Joseph B. McGlynn Jr., HC, 222 S. Central Ave., Ste. 1101, Clayton 63105, (314) 727-1000.

Italy

St. Louis, Joseph Colagioanni, HVC, One Metropolitan Sq., Ste. 3800, St. Louis 63102, (314) 259-2008.

Japan

Kansas City, Tatsuo Tanaka, CG, 1800 Commerce Tower, 911 Main St., Kansas City 64105, (816) 471-0111.

St. Louis, Bruce S. Buckland, HCG, PO Box 16542, St. Louis 63105, (314) 994-1133.

Luxembourg

Kansas City, Robert F. Schaeffer, HCG, 325 Westwoods Circle, Liberty 64068, (816) 792-0841.

Malta

Kansas City, Marcel Dingli-Attard, HC, U.S. Federal Bldg., Ste. 201, 301 W. Lexington St., Independence 64050, (816) 833-0033.

Mexico

St. Louis, Arturo Puente, HC; Rene Morlet, DC, 1015 Locust St., Ste. 922, St. Louis 63101, (314) 436-3233.

Netherlands

Kansas City, Bob Goddijn, HC, 5775 N.W. 64th Terr., Ste. 203, Kansas City 64151, (816) 746-0078.

St. Louis, Richard W. Lodge, HC, 562 N. Woodlawn, St. Louis 63112, (314) 965-3533.

Norway

St. Louis, Don Wolfsberger, H.C., 34 N. Brentwood Blvd., Ste. 3, St. Louis 63105, (314) 721-7776.

Peru

St. Louis, Rosa Schwarz, HC, #3 The Prado, Ladue 63124, (314) 991-1750.

Poland

St. Louis, Robert V. Ogrodnik, HC, 121 S. Meramec, Ste. 1140, St. Louis 63105, (314) 822-6266.

Republic of China (Taiwan)

Kansas City, Elizabeth Chu, DG, 3100 Broadway, Ste. 800, Kansas City 64111, (816) 531-1298.

Spain

Kansas City, Eugene F. Gray, HVC, 316 Avila Circle, Kansas City 64114, (816) 942-2649.

St. Louis, Jose L. Molina, HVC, 5715 Manchester Ave., St. Louis 63110, (314) 781-1500.

Sweden

St. Louis, G. Richard Oscarson, HC, 16100 Chesterfield Pkwy. West, Ste. 395, Chesterfield 63017, (636) 537-9222.

Switzerland

Kansas City, Marcel Bollier, HC, 5018 Main St., Kansas City 64112, (816) 561-3440.

Jackson County Board of Election**Commissioners**

Independence Sq. Courthouse, PO Box 296

Independence 64051-0296

Telephone: (816) 521-4600

Chair: William J. Baker, (D), 12904 E. 41st Terr., Independence 64055;

Secretary: Tammy L. Brown, (R), 2301 S.W. Tenth St., Lee's Summit 64064;

Members: Charles Dumsky, (D); Dorothy Greene, (R);

Directors of Elections: Robert C. Nichols Jr., (D); Charlene Davis, (R).

Kansas City Board of Election**Commissioners**

1828 Walnut

Kansas City 64108

Telephone: (816) 842-4820

Chair: Linda S. Tarpley, (D), 3145 Broadway, Kansas City 64111;

Secretary: Cheryl Bisber, (R), 330 N. Askew, Kansas City 64123;

Members: Eugene Standifer Jr., (D); Bruce Waugh, (R);

Directors of Elections: Sharon V. Turner, (D); Ray S. James, (R).

St. Louis City Board of Election**Commissioners**

300 N. Tucker Blvd.

St. Louis 63101

Telephone: (314) 622-4201

Chair: Audrey R. Jones, (D), 19 Washington Terr., St. Louis 63112;

Secretary: Judy A. Zakibe, (R), 3216 Regal Pl., St. Louis 63139;

Members: Yvonne Hunter, (R); Kathy A. Surratt-States, (D).

Directors of Election: Keena M. Carter, (D); Jeanne Bergfeld (R).

Platte County Board of Election**Commissioners**

Platte County Administration Bldg.

415 Third St., Box 140

Platte City 64079

Telephone: (816) 858-3344

Chair: Joseph H. Collison, (D), 545 Washington St., Box 126, Weston 64098;

Secretary: George Randy Rose, (R), 4905 N.W. Hillside Dr., Riverside 64151;

Members: Dorothy M. Gresham, (D); Joe Swarts, (R);

Directors of Elections: Mary Beth Erickson, (D); Wendy M. Flannigan, (R).

Boards Assigned to the Governor

Clay County Board of Election**Commissioners 2001-2002**

100 Mississippi

Liberty 64068-1640

Telephone: (816) 792-7671 / FAX: (816) 792-5334

Chair: Anita F. Duncan, (D), 5406 N. Wyandotte, Gladstone 64118;

Secretary: Jolene Shaw, (R), 4818 N.E. 92nd, Kansas City 64156;

Members: Phyllis Griggs, (D); Arnold Day, (R);

Directors of Elections: Tiffany Ellison, (D), Tina Tucker, (R).

St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners

12 Sunnen Dr., Maplewood 63143
Telephone: (314) 951-0100 / FAX: (314) 951-0199

Chair: Richard W. Sullivan, (D), 3847 Rue de Renard, Florissant, 63034;
Secretary: Pamela S. Wright (R), 893 Alanson, University City, 63132;
Members: Barbara A. Enneking, (R); Linda M. Locke (D).
Directors of Elections: Judy Taylor, (D); Karen E. Grace, (R).

Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners

1125 Locust, Kansas City 64106-2687
Telephone: (816) 234-5055

President: Dennis Eckold;
Vice President: Vacant;
Treasurer: Dr. Stacey Daniels-Young;
Secretary/Attorney: Bryan E. Round;
Member: Karl Zobrist;
Ex-Officio Member: Mayor Kay Barnes.

St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners

1200 Clark Ave., St. Louis 63103
Telephone: (314) 444-5602

President: Edward Roth;
Vice President: Rev. Maverick;
Treasurer: Dr. Leslie F. Bond Sr.;
Secretary: Ronald Henderson;
Member: Mark W. L. Smith;
Ex-Officio Member: Mayor Clarence Harmon.

Unassigned Boards and Commissions

Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System

1913 Williams St., PO Box 1665
Jefferson City 65102
Telephone: (573) 636-9455

The Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS) was established under legislation which became effective August 13, 1967, to provide retirement for employees of local government units. Approximately 37,500

employees of 450 political subdivisions are presently participating on an elective basis. The system is governed by a board of trustees which includes three members elected by governing bodies of participating subdivisions; three members elected by employee members and one public member appointed by the governor.

LAGERS Board of Trustees

Moreland, Jeffery, chair, Grandview, Dec. 31, 2002;
Ashcroft, J. Robert, vice chair, Gladstone, Dec. 31, 2001;
Calvin, Tara, Columbia, Dec. 31, 2001;
Clark, Dr. Donald E., Joplin, Dec. 31, 2004;
Gragg, Dr. Victor, Mid Continent Library, Dec. 31, 2002;
West, Claire, Jefferson City, Dec. 31, 2003;
Yendes, Nancy, Springfield, Dec. 31, 2004.

Public School Retirement System of Missouri

3210 W. Truman Blvd., PO Box 268
Jefferson City 65102
Telephone: (573) 634-5290 / FAX: (573) 634-5375

The Public School Retirement System of Missouri includes the public school districts of Missouri, except St. Louis and Kansas City; public junior colleges in Missouri; and certificated members and employees of the board of the system. The system began operations on July 1, 1946; and as of June 30, 2000, the system had 79,445 active members and 27,238 retirees.

The system is financed by contributions of members and the employing school districts in equal amounts and by interest earned on investment of contributions. Administering the program is a seven-member board of trustees. Three members are appointed by the Governor, and four are elected for four-year terms by the members and retirees.

Non-Teacher School Employee Retirement System of Missouri

The Non-Teacher School Employee Retirement System of Missouri began operations in 1965. It includes 55,544 active employees and 13,061 retirees of public school districts, except those in St. Louis and Kansas City. Financing of the two systems is similar and the same board administers both programs.

Board of Trustees

Gaines, Nancy J., chair, Blue Springs, July 1, 2002;
Wheeler, Wayne, vice-chair, Jefferson City, July 1, 2004;
Hambacker, Veronica J., Salem, July 1, 2002;
Harmon, Lynn A., Warrensburg, August 2002;

Preston, Peggy, Nixa, July 1, 2004;
Wasson, William J., Springfield, July 1, 2002;
Yoakum, M. Steve, Executive Director.

Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan

832 Weathered Rock Ct., PO Box 104355
 Jefferson City 65110-4355
 Telephone: (800) 487-0771 / FAX: (573) 526-4771

The Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) was created through legislation passed in May 1992 transferring the administration of the health care program for most of the State's employees and retirees from the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) to MCHCP. MCHCP officially began operation on January 1, 1994. The legislation also allowed other non-state public entities to join MCHCP. MCHCP began providing access to health insurance for public entities as of January 1995. Types of public entities qualifying for MCHCP coverage include cities, counties, and school districts. MCHCP provides coverage for over 125,000 state and public entity members, retirees and their dependents offering various types of health insurance plans, including health maintenance organization (HMO), point of service (POS) and preferred provider organization (PPO) plans.

The Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan is governed by a thirteen member board including: the director of the Department of Insurance, director of the Department of Health, commissioner of the Office of Administration, two representatives from the House of Representatives, two representatives from the Senate and six members appointed by the governor. Three of the six members represent the public sector and are not members of MCHCP. The remaining three members are members of the plan either as a state or public entity member.

MCHCP Board of Trustees

Dempsey, Dr. Maureen, chair, Dept. of Health, *ex officio* member, Jefferson City;
Hartmann, Michael, vice chair, Office of Administration, *ex officio* member, Columbia;
Appling, Lin, Office of Administration, appointed member, Jefferson City;
Burnett, Douglas, appointed member, Jefferson City;
Dolan, Kay, appointed member, Warrensburg;
Feigenbaum, Susan, appointed member, St. Louis;
Lakin, Scott, Dept. of Insurance, *ex officio* member, Jefferson City;
Mathewson, James, Senate member, Sedalia;
Morgan, Annette, appointed member, Kansas City;
Naeger, Patrick, House member, Perryville;
Proffitt, A. James, appointed member, St. Louis;
Steelman, Sarah, Senate member, Rolla;
Van Zandt, Tim, House member, Kansas City;
Meyer, Ron, executive director.

Missouri State Employees' Retirement System

PO Box 209, Jefferson City 65102
 Telephone: (573) 632-6100 / FAX: (573) 632-6101

The Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) was established in 1957 under an act of the 69th General Assembly. The system is responsible for administration of the retirement program for all state employees (other than employees of the Highway Commission and the University of Missouri). Effective Sept. 1, 1972, the program became noncontributory for members with the state becoming the sole contributor. The system also provides life insurance coverage of \$15,000 for active members and \$5,000 for retired members, with optional group life insurance coverage available at the expense of the members. The system is also responsible for administration of the state's long-term disability program for most state employees.

The system operates under the direction and control of an 11-member board of trustees made up of the state treasurer, commissioner of administration, two members each of the House and Senate, two members appointed by the governor, two active members elected by the active members and one retired member elected by the retired members.

MOSERS Board of Trustees

Hodges, Tom, chair, elected active member, Sedalia, Probation and Parole, Dec. 2002;
White, Jacquelyn, vice chair, appointed member, Jefferson City, Department of Social Services;
Farmer, Nancy, *ex officio* member, Jefferson City, State Treasurer;
Franklin, Richard, House member, Kansas City;
Gilstrap, Carol, appointed member, Jefferson City, Governor's Office;
Hartmann, Mike, *ex officio* member, Jefferson City, Commissioner of Administration;
Ornburn, Bryan, elected retired member, Jefferson City, Dec. 2002;
Price, Steve, elected active member, House Appropriations, Jefferson City, Dec. 2002;
Russell, John, Senate member, Lebanon;
Scott, John, Senate member, St. Louis;
Skaggs, Bill, House member, Kansas City;
Findlay, Gary, executive director.

Missouri Rural Opportunities Council (MoROC)

PO Box 118, 301 W. High St., Room 770
 Jefferson City 65102-0118
 Voice: (573) 751-1238 / FAX: (573) 526-5550

The Missouri Rural Opportunities Council (MoROC) was organized in November 1992 as Missouri's official state rural development council. MoROC has joined numerous other state

councils and the National Rural Development Council to comprise the National Rural Development Partnership. MoROC exists to “improve the quality of life, enhance opportunities and help empower citizens and rural communities of Missouri by bringing together a coalition of public and private entities.”

Led by a Board of Directors, MoROC brings together hundreds of problem-solver partners from federal, state and local governments as well as private for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to build a network based on collaboration and “new governance” principles.

MoROC’s goals:

- To identify/access rural Missouri’s developmental needs, develop strategies and facilitate actions for solution
- To identify barriers which impede the solution of problems in rural areas
- To assist in establishing strategies for inter-agency cooperation to deal with the problems facing rural areas in a coordinated fashion
- To maximize the accessibility of resources and programs to rural Missouri
- To motivate/assist rural communities and citizens to help themselves to stabilize, broaden, diversify and invigorate their economic bases

MoROC’s work is accomplished through eight working committees:

- **Agriculture and Natural Resources**
- **Economic Development**
- **Education**
- **Health and Human Needs**
- **Housing**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Leadership**
- **Telecommunications**

MoROC Board of Directors

- Railsback, Randy**, chair, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments;
Zimny, Cheryl, vice chair, Missouri Valley Human Resource Community Action Agency;
Tice, James K., Secretary, SMSU, Center for Scientific Research and Education;
Mehmert, Mark, treasurer, Missouri Occupational Information Coordinating Committee;
Bode, John, City of Shelbina;
Brown, Carl, Department of Natural Resources, Technical Assistance Program;
Cook, Gary, Small Business Administration;
Dunning, Janie, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development;
French, Michael, Missouri Area Health Education Center-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine;
Gulick, John, Missouri Department of Health/CHART;
Hackney, Terry, Missouri Department of Economic Development/REAP;



RANDY RAILSBACK
Chair, Missouri Rural Opportunities Council



CHERYL ZIMNY
Vice chair, Missouri Rural Opportunities Council



MARK MEHMERT
Treasurer, Missouri Rural Opportunities Council



CATHERINE JONES
Executive Director, Missouri Rural Opportunities Council



JAMES K. TICE
Secretary, Missouri Rural Opportunities Council

- Hulse, Jim**, Ameren UE;
Nickolaus, George, University of Missouri-Columbia/Outreach and Extension;
***Driskell, Joseph**, director, Missouri Department of Economic Development;
***Moore, Dianna**, director, Community Development Group, Missouri Department of Economic Development;
Jones, Catherine, executive director of MoROC.

* *Ex officio* member.